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FOR THE ELABORATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN
THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS
DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION,
PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA
Tenth session
6-17 January 1997
Agenda item 6

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS TENTH SESSION

Draft report

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I. INTRODUCTION

Opening and duration of the session

1. The tenth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, was held in New York from 6 to 17 January 1997. The session was convened in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 50/112 of 20 December 1995 entitled "Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa". At its tenth session, the Committee held ___ meetings (1st to __).

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Officers of the Committee

2. At its 2nd meeting, on 7 January, the Committee elected by acclamation Mr. Fassassi Adam Yacoubou (Benin) as Vice-Chairman of the Committee, to replace

Mr. René Valéry Mongbé (Benin), who was unable to continue his functions on the Bureau.

3. The Bureau of the Committee, as elected at its sixth, eighth, ninth and tenth sessions, is as follows:

Chairman: Mr. Bo Kjellén (Sweden)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Fassassi Adam Yacoubou (Benin)
Mr. Alok Jain (India)
Mr. José Urrutia (Peru)

Rapporteur: Mr. Anatoli M. Ovchinnikov (Uzbekistan)

Working Group I

Chairman: Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud Ould El Ghaouth (Mauritania)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Mohammad Reza H. K. Jabbary (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Mr. Erwin Ortiz-Gandarillas (Bolivia)
Mr. Franklin C. Moore (United States of America)

Working Group II

Chairman: Mr. Takao Shibata (Japan)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. David Etuket (Uganda)
Mr. Samvel Baloyan (Armenia)

B. Adoption of the agenda

4. At its 1st meeting, on 6 January, the Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.

2. Preparation for the Conference of the Parties.

3. Special action:

   (a) Urgent action for Africa;

   (b) Action taken in the Asian, Latin American and the Caribbean, and Northern Mediterranean regions.

4. Status of signature and ratification of the Convention.

5. Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds.

6. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its tenth session.

C. Attendance

5. Representatives of the following States attended the session:

(To be included.)

6. The following United Nations offices and organs were represented:

(To be included.)

7. The following specialized agencies were represented:

(To be included.)

8. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented:

(To be included.)

9. The following non-governmental organizations were represented:

(To be included.)

D. Documentation

10. The documents before the Committee at its tenth session are listed in annex ___ to the present report (to be included).